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Sir:

In response to April 2, 2009 Office Action, Applicant hereby elects *Group III* (claims 4 and 10-18) without traverse, as explained below.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-22 are pending, with claims 1, 4, 19 and 22 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.